

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

PLANTATION MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE

PLANTATION MANAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES

12TH OCTOBER 2009

Minutes of a meeting of Plantation Management Committee held at the Pavilion, Towles Fields, Burton on the Wolds, Monday 12th October 2009 at 7.30pm

Present

Mrs C Thomson

Mr J Kenney

Mr P Rushforth

Mr D Brewis

Mrs S Best (Parish clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Pickford, Cllr D McDermott

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2009 with two amendments (Page 1, para. 3 "Warren" changed to "Warwick". Page 2, para. 9 from "to cover the bridges" to "for making log piles") were approved and accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Volunteers on 24th September 2009

10 students were present along with Cath Thomson and John Kenney. Brash was cleared.

Anniversary weekend on 31st Oct / 1st Nov

It was agreed that although no presence can be offered at the Church anniversary weekend, noticeboards and flyers will be provided. Clerk to check actual date of purchase completion for advertising material and future anniversary celebrations.

Annual tree assessment survey

Cath Thomson had met with Rob Morris to discuss the annual tree assessment survey, it was agreed that he will draw up a prioritised plan for work to be done in the plantation. He has suggested thinning out the Sycamores on the boundary between the plantation and the school. It was agreed unanimously for Cath Thomson to initiate the urgent works. A discussion ensued regarding the need for the sub committee to justify and compare costs and when a formal tender would be required.

It was reported that a branch 10ft above the path needs to come down. John Kenny to investigate and call Rob Morris out if necessary.

Bat Walk

Cath Thomson reported that the suggested date is 7th May 2010, starting with a talk in the pavilion at 7.45pm followed by a walk in the plantation.

4. VOLUNTEER DAYS

4th October – 5 people in the morning, disappointing turnout.

Clerk to advertise future volunteer days in the villages section in The Echo.

It was noted that Saturday 5th December is tree day, so this will be the months volunteer day. The tree order form was completed and agreed, with whips ordered to fill out the hedge, along with some feathered oaks. The preparation for tree day will be on 1st November, when holes will be dug and trees marked for transplanting. Snowberry will also be cut and gapping up in hedge done. Paul Rushforth to open up on 1st November.

Cath Thomson advised that the students want to come again. Suggested pond clearing and making log piles with close supervision. Propose 21st or 28th October. Cath to request that all attendees are properly dressed with hats supplied. A sign in list will be used on the day.

5. FINANCE

The clerk handed out the finance report, with £1224.81 in the account.

Cath Thomson advised that there are two invoices currently outstanding for the breathing places grant.

It was agreed that Derek Brewis would send out the Friends donation requests.

John Kenney to be involved in grants, with the clerk to advise on technical details.

It was agreed that the February volunteer day would be a fund raising event. A Snowdrop day with refreshments for sale.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that a Liaison officer is needed to run Friends of Burton Plantation, help with fund raising and send letters of thanks etc. The petty cash is to stay with Derek Brewis until a Liaison officer is recruited.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30pm. in the Pavilion.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20:50